C O N C O R D I A U N I V E R S I T Y

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

M I N U T E S

(of SRC meeting held on Thursday, November 15, 1990 at 10:00 A.M., in Room BC-110, SGW campus)

ATTENDANCE -

Members present:	P. Albert, U. DeBrentani, E. Doedel, D. Ginter, D. Gold, M. Kusy,M. Lefebvre, J.N. Lightstone (Chair), K. Lipke, B. MacKay, S. Sankar, J. Segovia, M.N.S. Swamy, A. Williams, J. Makkonen, Nannette Plant (Secretary)
Absent with regrets:	G. Mergen, J. Segovia

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Prior to Meeting:

SRC-11-15-90-D116	Summary Statistics of the FRDP
SRC-11-15-90-D117	Report of the Faculty Research Development Programme
SRC-11-15-90-D118	Senate Policies and Procedures for the Establishment of Research Centres

Dr. Jack N. Lightstone occupied the Chair. He introduced the new Committee member representing CUSA, Mr. Jarno Makkanen.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M.

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by the Committee.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting were approved by the Committee.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

There was no business arising from the last Minutes of Meeting.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Report of the Director of ORS

4.1.1 A.J. Williams announced that all grant applications were processed by the respective due dates. Basically there were the same number of applicants as last year; with SSHRC applications slightly increased over last year.

S. Sankar complimented the Office of Research Services on the wonderful job done during the granting period. Dr. Lightstone agreed to write a letter on behalf of the Committee stating their appreciation.

4.2 Report for the Associate Vice-Rector, Academic (Research)

4.2.1 The Chair announced that the draft document entitled, "Strategic Plan for the Enhancement of Research at Concordia University", had been submitted to a number of select individuals including Faculty Deans for comments.

4.2.2 The Chair requested that the documents from the Director of SSHRC be discussed under Item 6.0 Varia. The Committee agreed.

4.3 FRDP Committee (SRC-11-15-90-D115 to D117)

The Committee received various documents from the FRDP Committee, including the minutes of the last meeting, statistical data, a list of awards (with names removed) and a letter from the Chair of the Committee to SRC. It was decided that a new item should be added to the Agenda (5B) to further discuss the recommendations made by the FRDP Committee.

5A.0 **Senate Policies and Procedures for the Establishment of Research Centres (SRC-11-15-90-D118)**

The Chair announced that the Spring 1988 document from the Senate Research Committee was approved by the Senate as policy guidelines in the Spring of 1989.

In the Fall of 1989 a document regarding procedures to operationalize the policy was sent to the Office of the Vice-Rector, Academic. Comments and suggestions from the Vice-Rector and the Office of the Rector were incorporated. A revised document was then sent to the Deans for final comments and is now being presented to the SRC.

It was moved by B. MacKay and seconded by D. Gold that the document be approved and forwarded to Senate.

M.N.S. Swamy requested that the document have an effective date of June 1, 1991.

B. MacKay expressed concern of bypassing the Faculty Councils in the procedure. After a short discussion, it was recommended that the Faculty Deans would be responsible for notifying their Faculty Council of the Centre application at the beginning of the process.

It was confirmed that the Faculty Councils in collaboration with the Senate Research Committee would suggest both external and internal members for the ad hoc Committee.

It was decided that the term "Faculty Administration(s)" will be replaced by Dean or his delegate.

Dean Swamy requested that the Faculty Council's only receive the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee rather than the reports of the external consultants (Page 3 - Approval by Faculty Councils). He suggested that only the Deans be given the external consultants report.

The SRC unanimously approved these amendments, which will be incorporated in the document.

5B.0 **FRDP**

The Committee reviewed the recommendation of the FRDP Committee (SRC-11-15-90-D117) and the Minutes of Meeting (SRC-11-15-90-D115).

The Chair reviewed the FRDP recommendation and provided further explanation to the Committee. It is to be noted that next year three competitions will be held, two being for new faculty members, one in the spring and one in the fall and a targeted research competition in April.

The results of the targeted grants were poor overall. Researchers reorienting their work submitted better proposals than those "on hiatus".

U. De Brentani noted that departments and faculties should be partially responsible for their new researchers' applications since it is a reflection on their future performance. M. Kusy noted that this was also a point voiced by the FRDP Committee.

In Dr. Lightstone's letter (SRC-11-15-90-D117) to be fowarded to Senate it was recommended that paragraphes 2 and 3 be amended to read:

> The procedures followed by the FRDP Committee were based upon the document, dated April 16, 1990, of the Office of the Vice-Rector, Academic.
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> The FRDP Committee was generally pleased with the procedures used, including the active participation in the process of the Faculty Research Committees.

D. Ginter was dismayed at the low application rate of the Humanities applicants. He asked if the Committee had done a study as to any predominate characteristics to explain this poor response. The reply was that such a study had not been done.

The Chair noted that due to the size of the FRDPCommittee an application can only be reviewed by one member. For this reason they would like input from the Faculty Committees as to ranking of applications as a further verification. On applications where there is a large margin of difference between the two rankings the applications will be reviewed a second time.

M. Kusy noted the involvement of the Chairs can not be overstated. They should be responsible for guiding the new hirees with regards to their responsibilities as researchers.

6.0 VARIA

6.1 Due to a lack of time, the speech given on behalf of Dr. Paule Leduc, President of the SSHRC, will be placed on the Agenda of the next SRC meeting.

6.2 The next Senate Research Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6th, at 10:00 A.M,. in Room BC-110.